Claims

1. A process for encoding an access pass with an image of an authorized user to facilitate identity verification, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the user beyond a security perimeter;

taking an electronic image of the user with a camera capable of generating a computer-storage image output; and

printing a human-cognizable image of the user directly onto said access pass.

2. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

3. The process of claim 1 wherein said electronic image is stored in a centralized database.

4. The process of claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

collecting an electronic image of a luggage article in the possession of the user; and

storing said luggage article electronic image in the centralized database.

5. The process of claim 3 wherein said human-cognizable image appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

6. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

associating electronic forms of a user document in the centralized database, said document accessible from said centralized database upon input of a user provided datum.

7. The process of claim 6 wherein the centralized database is accessible through an Internet connection.

8. The process of claim 1 wherein said human-cognizable image of the user is of a user face.

9. The process of claim 1 wherein said human-cognizable image of the user is of a user fingerprint.

10. An access pass system for verifying the identity of the user, comprising:

a self-supporting access pass having a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip encoding a reference number;

a computer database storing a user image associated with the reference number; and

a video display coupled to said computer database and a machine data reader adapted to read the data series, such that upon reading the data series a human-cognizable user image is displayed on said video display.

11. The pass system of claim 10 wherein said bar code is two-dimensional.

12. The system of claim 10 wherein said human-cognizable user image is of a user face.

13. The system of claim 10 wherein said human-cognizable user image is of a user fingerprint.

14. The system of claim 10 further comprising a user document stored within said computer database and associated with the reference number.

15. The access pass system of claim 10 further comprising an authentication hash.

16. A process for encoding an access pass with an image of a user to facilitate identity verification, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of a user beyond a security perimeter;

taking an electronic image of the user with a camera capable of generating a computer-storable image output;

encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto an access pass, said data series referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer;

reading the data series to said computer database;

recalling a human-cognizable image of the user from said computer-storable image output, said computer-storable image output referenced to said data series with said computer database;

displaying said human-cognizable image on video display interfaced with said computer database; and

comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the user presenting said access pass.

17. The process of claim 16 further comprising the step of:

associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

18. The process of claim 16 wherein said electronic image is stored in a centralized database.

19. The process of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

collecting an electronic image of a luggage article in the possession of the user; and

storing said luggage article electronic image in the centralized database.

20. The process of claim 18 wherein said human-cognizable image appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

21. The process of claim 16 further comprising the step of:

associating electronic forms of a user document in the centralized database, said document accessible from said centralized database upon input of a user provided datum.

22. The process of claim 16 wherein the centralized database is accessible through an Internet connection.

23. The process of claim 16 wherein said human-cognizable image of the user is of a user face.

24. The process of claim 16 wherein said human-cognizable image of the user is of a user fingerprint.